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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 1508

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, AS

SUBJ: POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN CANDIDTATE FOR DIRECTORSHIP,
U.N. CENTER ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

REF: A. CANBERRA 385 NOTAL

B. CANBERRA 332 NOTAL

C. STATE 6805

1. RICHARD BUTLER, DEPT. FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CALLED
EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS INFORMALLY
"SOMEWHAT PERSONAL MATTER." BUTLER SIAD HE HAS
RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED PRIVATELY THAT "USUN HAS
COMPILED" LIST OF 4 OR 5 POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR
POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF UN'S MNC CENTER AND THAT
USUN IS "FLOATING" LIST, WHICH INCLUDES HIS NAME,
AMONG OTHER UN MISSIONS FOR REACTIONS.
BUTLER ALSO SAID THAT ITALIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN
CANBERRA RECENTLY TOLD HIM OF LIST BASED ON
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INFORMATION FROM ITALIAN MISSION.

2. BUTLER SAID HE IS HOPEFUL THAT GOA WILL SHORTLY PROPOSE HIM AS AUSTRALIAN CANDIDATE AND SAID HE HOPES EMBASSY WILL MAKE FAVORABLE NOISES ABOUT HIM. HE THEN ASKED IF EMBASSY HAD BEEN SENT COPY OF LIST. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS OUR JANUARY 17 APPROACH TO DFA ON SOMAVIA CANDIDACY BUT AVOIDED COMMENT ON EMBASSY VIEWS ON POSSIBLE BUTLER CANDIDACY. IN REPLY TO QUERY ABOUT HIS QUALIFICATIONS FOR JOB, BUTLER COVERED GROUND ALREADY FAMILIAR TO EMBASSY. HE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED IF GOA DOES PROPOSE HIM AS CANDIDATE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: BUTLER CLEARLY INFERRED THAT USUN IS, TO SOME DEGREE AT LEAST, ENDORSING HIM FOR JOB. WHILE EMBASSY WOULD NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSE HIM FOR JOB IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT HIS APPOINTMENT WOULD BE IN US INTERESTS (REF B).
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